IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

IN RE:) JUDGE JAMES H. WILLIAMS))
FEES FOR DEBTOR'S COUNSEL IN A CHAPTER 13 CASE) AMENDED) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER) NO. 98-6

Dated at Canton, Ohio this 15th day of December, 1998.

As to all Chapter 13 cases filed on or after December 1, 1998, this Court has made the following changes to its policy of allowing counsel for Chapter 13 debtors to request fees of up to \$950.00 without the filing of a detailed fee application:

- 1. If the total fee requested by counsel for Chapter 13 debtors is \$1,050.00 or less, and the fee arrangement provides that \$275.00 or less will be paid prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition with the balance to be paid through the Chapter 13 plan, then no detailed fee application needs to be filed with this Court to receive the requested fee.
- 2. If counsel for Chapter 13 debtors arranges to receive a payment of more than \$275.00 prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition with the balance to be paid through the Chapter 13 plan, then that counsel shall only be allowed to receive a total fee of \$950.00 without the filing of a detailed fee application.
- 3. Counsel are reminded that an agreement to represent Chapter
 13 debtors before this Court continues until withdrawal from

representation is approved by the Court.

- 4. In the absence of a signed engagement agreement with explicit payment terms, the Court will expect that the fees referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above constitute full payment for the following services:
 - (1) Analysis of the financial situation and rendering advice and assistance to the client in determining whether to file a petition under Title 11, United States Code;
 - (2) Preparation and filing of the petition, lists, statements or schedules;
 - (3) Representation of the debtor at the § 341 meeting;
 - (4) Amendments of lists, statements or schedules to comport with developments which may have occurred before or at the § 341 meeting;
 - (5) Motions under § 522(f) to avoid liens on exempt property;
 - (6) Motions, including but not limited to, motions for abandonment or proceedings to clear title to real property owned by the debtor; motions for relief from stay; motions for suspensions of payments; and motions to dismiss;
 - (7) Removal of garnishments or wage assignments;
 - (8) Attendance, if necessary, at confirmation hearings;
 - (9) Negotiation of valuation of secured claims and/or the presentation of evidence thereon at confirmation hearing;
 - (10) Prosecution of objections to claims.

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5. Motions for additional compensation will take into account the provisions of signed engagement agreements in support of such requests.

JAMES H. WILLIAMS

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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